

This study analyzes the epidemic spread of a COVID-19-like infectious disease using the Susceptible-Infected-Recovered (SIR) model. Mathematical modeling of infectious diseases has become a foundational tool for public health, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. We modeled an epidemic scenario mimicking COVID-19 spread.

Compartment Model: SIR

S: Susceptible

I: Infected

R: Recovered/Removed

Transitions: $S\beta I\gamma R$

Network Structure A static ER network with $N = 1000$ nodes and average degree $\langle k \rangle = 8$ was constructed. This reflects the basic assumptions of the SIR model.

Simulation Framework Simulations employed a stochastic, continuous-time implementation (FastGEMF package) to model the epidemic dynamics.

with $\gamma = 0.1$ and computed β accordingly.

Metrics Extracted Simulated time series were analyzed for the following metrics:

Peak Infection Rate: Maximum fraction of infected individuals

Epidemic Duration: Time from first infection to extinction

Final Epidemic Size: Total proportion recovered

Peak Time: Time to reach maximum infected

Simulation results and corresponding codebases were archived for transparency.

Results [!ht] [width=0.49]results-11.png Epidemic dynamics in the S, I, and R compartments over time for one stochastic simulation.

Population Dynamics Figure depicts the temporal evolution of the S, I, and R compartments. The infection curve shows the following key metrics:

Metric	Value
Peak Infection Rate	28.8%
Peak Time (days)	19
Epidemic Duration	62
Final Epidemic Size	77.4%

Table summarizes the extracted epidemiological metrics. The epidemic peaks quickly and resolves within two months.

Evaluation Reasoning Metrics were chosen for their epidemiological relevance and measurability from simulation output.

Discussion The simulation confirms theory: random networks like ER permit rapid epidemic growth if $R_0 > 1$ and mean-field theory predicts.

Notably, our analysis supports that topology alone, even random, significantly shapes epidemic curves—a pattern robust across different network topologies.

Limitations Our static, ER-based model does not capture time-varying contacts, clustering, or network heterogeneity typical of real-world social networks.

Conclusion This study demonstrates that the static contact topology of an Erdős-Rényi network plays a pivotal role in understanding the dynamics of epidemics on networks.

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Appendices Code Excerpts Key code used for simulation (full codebase available upon request):

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import fastgemf as fg
import networkx as nx
import scipy.sparse as sparse

# Network construction
G = nx.erdos_renyi_graph(n=1000, p=8/999)
sparse.save_npz("output/network.npz", nx.to_scipy_sparse_array(G))

# Model schema and configuration (SIR-model)
SIR_schema = fg.ModelSchema("SIR").define_compartment(['S', 'I', 'R'])
... (refer to Methodology for details) ...
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Supplementary Figures [!ht] [width=0.49]results-11.png Detailed view of epidemic compartment evolution from the stochastic simulation.